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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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METHOD, AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Examiner: Merlino, Amanda H.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Allowance dated August 10, 2006, consideration of the following comments is respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner set forth "Reasons for Allowance." Applicants respectfully traverse those Reasons. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims is patentable because of the respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular criticality or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any of such features. In addition, Applicants also submit that the dependent claims are allowable not only for their dependence on the allowed independent claims, but also for the additional subject matter recited in each of those dependent claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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